

# Initiative Measure No. 1405

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## LET THE VOTERS DECIDE ON AUTOMATIC TICKETING CAMERAS

AN ACT Relating to automatic ticketing cameras; adding a new section to chapter 46.63 RCW; repealing RCW 46.63.170 and 46.63.180; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

### POLICIES AND PURPOSES

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For-profit camera surveillance is simply taxation-through-citation. The people intend to require the removal of automatic ticketing cameras that have not been approved by voters at an election.

### REQUIRES THE REMOVAL OF AUTOMATIC TICKETING CAMERAS

#### NOT APPROVED BY VOTERS AT A GENERAL ELECTION

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.63 RCW to read as follows:

All automatic ticketing cameras installed or in use on or after the date of passage of this measure must be removed no later than the effective date of this act unless the camera program was put to a public vote and it received the approval of a majority of voters at a general election in that jurisdiction. Any government and any for-profit company contracted by any government may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a majority vote of the people at a general election. Any government that is under contract to use automatic ticketing cameras must pay the agreed upon charges for the automatic ticketing cameras, unless that government can negotiate a settlement with the ticketing camera company, but they must stop issuing tickets no later than the effective date of this act. For the purposes of this chapter, "automatic ticketing cameras" include red-light ticketing cameras, speed ticketing

cameras, and all other for-profit ticketing camera surveillance which is a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, a railroad grade crossing control system, a speed measuring device, or a device that is affixed to a vehicle, and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal or an activated railroad grade crossing control signal, exceeds a speed limit in a school speed zone as detected by a speed measuring device, or commits an infraction identified in RCW 46.61.370.

NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) RCW 46.63.170 (Automated traffic safety cameras--Definition) and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 406; and

(2) RCW 46.63.180 (Automated school bus safety cameras--Definition) and 2013 c 306 s 716.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   This act is called the "Let the Voters Decide on Automatic Ticketing Cameras."

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